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In re Application of: Bruno Reiter et al
Application Number: Unassigned
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Title: THICK-FILM FLUID HEATER AND CONTINUOUS
HEATING DEVICE

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Sir:

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EP 0 840 534 discloses that the heating unit (5) comprises at least one carrier (3) as well as a heating member (9) releasing heat across the carrier, such as a layered resistance. The control unit(6) comprises at least one carrier (4) as well as electrical guide and control members, like at least one part of an electronic circuit (10). Preferably at least two carriers form a self-supporting unit, which can be inherently rigid. At least two carriers are joined by a firm connection which is designed to be a one-piece member with at least one carrier. Preferably two carriers form a one-piece item.

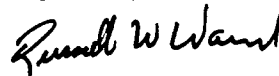
EP 1 070 922 discloses that the heating device has at least one heating element (30), at least one heat transfer element (20) in thermally conducting connection with the heating element and fluid, a common temp. monitoring device (50) for the heating element and for the fluid and a controller. The temp. monitoring device is connected to the controller and delivers an output signal to it depending on the temp. variation in the heating element and/or heat transfer element. An Independent claim is also included for a method of controlling a heating device for fluids.

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